

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

#### Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for applying a protective coating to a subject surface, comprising: a composite, comprising: a matrix comprising at least one polymer resin selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon, polybutene, silicone, and polyethylene; at least one silicone fluid mixed into the matrix; a surface coating mixed into the matrix and comprising at least one material selected from the group consisting of wax, silicone resin; and a multiplicity of inert particles dispersed within the matrix; wherein the composite has a wax penetration point measurement from about 60 mm to about 250 mm at 25 degrees Celsius under ~~under ASTM Test Method D217; D217;~~ and wherein the device is adapted to be rubbed upon the subject surface to provide a protective coating on the subject surface.

2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the inert particles comprise at least one material selected from the group consisting of aluminum silicate, diatomaceous earth, and aluminum oxide.

3. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the inert particles comprise at least two materials selected from the group consisting of aluminum silicate, diatomaceous earth, and aluminum oxide.

4. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the composite optionally contains less than about 5 percent by weight of volatile organic compounds and less than about 5 percent by weight non-volatile hydrocarbon solvents.

5. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the sum of the weight percentages of all soaps and detergents contained in the composite~~ optionally contains soaps and detergents in an amount of ~~is~~ less than about 10 weight percent.

6. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the weight of the inert particles is between about 40 percent and about 80 percent of the total weight of the composite material.

7. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the silicone fluid comprises at least one fluid selected from the group consisting of polydimethylsiloxane fluid, dimethyl siloxane polymer fluid, alkylmethyl polysiloxane fluid, dimethylsiloxane fluid, and amine functional silicone fluid.

8. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the composite optionally contains less than about 1 percent by weight of volatile organic compounds.

9. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the composite is adapted so that it has formed on ~~its~~ the surface of the composite a layer of silicone fluid.

10. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 9, wherein the ~~coating layer of~~ silicone fluid, which forms on the surface of the composite, has a multiplicity of inert particles distributed is said layer in the coating of silicone fluid.

11. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the composite maintains its flexibility upon exposure to the atmosphere.

12. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the composite ~~maintains its lubricant content~~ retains at least one silicone fluid upon exposure to the atmosphere.

13. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the composite is adapted to conform to the shape of the subject surface upon which the device is rubbed.

14. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the inert particles are selected to minimize scratching of the subject surface upon which the device is rubbed.

15. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the device is adapted so that the device, when rubbed upon the subject surface, deposits a durable, water-resistant protective coating on the subject surface, thereupon.

16. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the composite optionally contains emulsifiers constitute less than about 10 percent by weight of emulsifiers. ~~the composite.~~

17. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the composite optionally contains water constitutes less than about 5 percent by weight of water. ~~of the composite.~~

18. (Currently amended) A system for applying a protective coating to a subject surface, comprising: a device for applying a protective coating to the subject surface, the device comprising: a composite, the composite comprising: a matrix comprising at least one polymer resin chosen from the following group: hydrocarbon, polybutene, silicone, polyethylene; at least one silicone fluid mixed into the matrix; a surface coating mixed into the matrix and comprising at least one material selected from the following groups: wax, silicone resin; and a multiplicity of inert particles dispersed within the matrix; wherein the composite has a wax penetration point measurement from about 60 mm to about 250 mm at 25 degrees Celsius under ASTM Test Method D217; and wherein the device is adapted to be rubbed upon the subject surface to coat the subject surface with ~~(with the surface coating; coating)~~; an applicator pad; and a rejuvenator fluid comprising a silicone and a wax.

19. (Currently amended) A system for applying a protective coating to a subject surface according to claim 18, wherein the rejuvenator fluid further comprises an emulsifier.

20. (Original) A system according to claim 19, wherein the emulsifier component in the rejuvenator fluid comprises an acetic acid salt of the n-alkyl amines.

21. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the composite optionally contains less than about 1 percent by weight of volatile organic compounds.

22. (Original) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the weight of the inert particles is between about 40 percent and about 80 percent of the total weight of the composite material.

23. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the silicone ~~fluid (fluid)~~ is selected from the group consisting of polydimethylsiloxane fluid, dimethyl siloxane polymer fluid, alkylmethyl polysiloxane fluid, dimethylsiloxane fluid, and amine functional silicone fluid.

24. (Original) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the composite is water-resistant.

25. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the composite has ~~formed a layer of silicone fluid on the its surface of the composite.~~

26. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the composite has ~~formed a layer of silicone fluid on its the surface of the composite~~ and wherein the ~~layer coating of silicone fluid, which forms the exterior surface of the composite, has a multiplicity of the inert particles therein. distributed in the coating of silicone fluid.~~

27. (Original) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the composite maintains its flexibility upon exposure to the atmosphere.

28. (Currently amended) A system according claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the composite ~~maintains its lubricant content~~ retains at least one silicone fluid upon exposure to the atmosphere.

29. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the composite conforms to the shape of a subject surface upon which the device is rubbed.

30. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the inert particles are selected to minimize scratching of the subject surface upon which the device is rubbed.

31. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the device deposits a durable, water-resistant protective coating on upon the subject surface on which it is rubbed.

32. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein ~~emulsifiers constitute the composite~~ optionally contains less than about 10 percent by weight of emulsifiers, the composite,

33. (Currently amended) A method for applying a protective coating to a subject surface, comprising: rubbing the subject surface with the device claimed in claim 1.

34. (Currently amended) A method for applying a protective coating to a subject surface, comprising:

providing a system according to claim 18;

placing the device in a working position upon the applicator pad;

pressing the device against the applicator pad;

moistening the device and the applicator pad with the rejuvenator fluid; and

rubbing the device upon the surface to be coated.

~~using the system claimed in claim 17.~~

35. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the matrix comprises polybutene, polyterpene, and polyethylene.

36. (Currently amended) A device for application of a mold-release coating to a mold, comprising: a composite, comprising: a matrix comprising at least one polymer resin selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon, polybutene, silicone, and polyethylene; at least one silicone fluid; a surface coating comprising at least one material selected from the group consisting of wax and silicone resin; and a multiplicity of inert particles dispersed within the matrix; wherein the composite has a wax penetration point measurement from about 60 mm to about 250 mm at 25 degrees Celsius under ASTM Test Method D217; and wherein the device is adapted so that the device, when rubbed upon a mold, surface, leaves a mold-release coating on the mold surface when rubbed thereon.

37. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the inert particles have diameters of about 0.1 to about 3 microns or diameters greater than 50 microns, or both.

38. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the composite is water-resistant.

39. (Original) A system according to claim 18, 19, or 20, wherein the inert particles have diameters of from 0.1 to 3 microns, or diameters greater than 50 microns, or both.

40. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the composite optionally contains less than about 1 percent by weight of volatile organic compounds.

41. (Currently amended) A device for applying a protective coating to a subject surface, comprising a portion of composite material consisting essentially of: about 32 parts by weight of polybutene; about 3 parts by weight polyterpene; about 3 parts by weight polyethylene plastic; about 4 total parts by weight of wax plastic or silicone resin or both; about 36 parts of any combination of silicone fluids; and about 100 total parts by weight of inert particles.

42. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 41, wherein the inert particles consist essentially of a-one part silica sand and 99 parts aluminum silicate.